

## National Conservation Training Center - Archery Hunting Requirements 2015

The basic rules described in the Hunter Orientation Course and on the "Deer Hunting Requirements 2015" sheet apply to all hunters. Information specific to archery hunting is outlined below.

1. All archery weapons legal for hunting deer in West Virginia are allowed, including crossbows. A special permit is no longer needed for persons to hunt with a crossbow in West Virginia during the archery season (September 26 – December 31, 2015).
2. Archery hunters will be assigned to a "Deer Stand", which may actually be an existing NCTC elevated stand or just a marked tree. The zone 150 feet [50 yards] around the stand or marked tree in every safe direction is the area allowable for the assigned archery hunter.
3. Archery hunters may use an existing NCTC stand if one is present at that site. Deer Stands 1–17 are existing elevated 2-person ladder stands. Hunters assigned to those locations may choose to use their own tree stand or ground blind, or just hunt from the ground. Hunters assigned to other Deer Stands may provide their own elevated stand, ground blind or hunt from the ground. Only climbing, hang-on or ladder type stands will be permitted. Hunters may not wire, screw, bolt or nail steps or stands to trees or other objects, or drive any objects into a tree, nor cut any tree.
4. Minor pruning and brush cutting is allowed. Stands may be placed the day prior to the hunt (with approval of Land Manager), or placed and removed at the beginning and end of each hunt session.
5. Hunters using elevated stands are required to use a safety harness, preferably one certified by the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA), (website <http://www.tmastands.com/>) No homemade safety harnesses are allowed.
6. Hunters must have each arrow marked with the last 4 digits of their SSN, or similar marking, and that marking provided to NCTC staff prior to the hunt.
7. Archery hunters are required by WV regulations to wear hunter blaze orange while hunting during days that are included in a deer firearms season. This includes all hunt days at NCTC this season.
8. Deer taken on October 17, 2015 fall within a Special Hunt for NCTC, do not count toward a hunter's regular season bag limit, and no stamps are required. One antlerless deer may be taken by a hunter on that date.